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1. SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL (SI) REPORTS THAT TURKISH REPUBLICAN PEMPLE'S PARTY (RPP) HAS NOT MADE APPLICATION TO AFFILIATE WITH SI, AND SI HAS NOT INVITED IT TO JOIN. UNDER SI CONSTITUTION, ONLY CONGRESS, WHICH MEETS ANNUALLY (NEXT MEETING JULY 1976) HAS POWER TO ADMIT AND EXPELL NATIONAL AFFILIATES. NORMALLY, SI WOULD EXPECT NATIONAL PARTY DESIRING TO AFFILIATE TO REQUEST AFFILIATION SEVERAL MONTHS PRIOR TO CONGRESS SO THAT REQUEST COULD BE CONSIDERED BY SI BUREAU, WHICH MEETS QUARTERLY. BUREAU WOULD REVIEW APPLICATION, RECOMMENDING EITHER ACCEPTANCE OR RELIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JECTION TO CONGRESS. FYI: SI HAS THREE KINDS OF MEMBER-

SHIP: REGULAR, CONSULTATIVE (USUALLY, BUT NOT ALWAYS, PARTIES IN EXILE), AND OBSERVER MEMBERS. END FYI. WE UNDERSTAND JANUARY MEETING IN COPENHAGEN IS REUNION OF EUROPEAN SOCIALIST LEADERS AND IS OUTSIDE SI RUBRIC.

- 2. SI SOURCE, SPEAKING OFF THE RECORD, SAID IT IS NO SECRET THERE HAS BEEN SOME DISCUSSION OF RPP AFFILIATING WITH SI, AND THAT GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS LEADING ADVOCATE OF THIS IDEA. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT ATTITUDE OF OTHER SI AFFILIATES RANGED FROM WARM (DENMARK) TO AGNOSTIC.
- 3. COMMENT: FROM OUR LIMITED SOUNDING, WE DO NOT PERCEIVE ANY SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO RPP AFFILIATION, PROVIDED THAT PARTY MAKES FORMAL APPLICATION TO JOIN. WHILE MEMBER PARTIES MAY ENCOURAGE RPP TO APPLY, SI WOULD NOT OFFICIALLY INVITE AFFILIATION. AS SI GENERAL SECRETARY HANS JANITSCHEK IS ARDENT SI PROSELYTIZER, HE MAY HAVE ENCOURAGED RPP APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY SUPPORT IT.

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